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2014/4332/P	Natasha Horn	36 Heysham Road N15 6HL	30/07/2014 13:37:37	OBJ	I strongly object to this planning application as it will irreversibly disfigure the Heath and cause huge disruption to the wildlife.
2014/4332/P	Dr Peter Zeidman	Flat 6 2-4 Hodford Lodge Hodford Road Golders Green NW11 8NP	30/07/2014 15:20:38	OBJ	<p>Dear Camden Council,</p> <p>I strongly object to this proposal for construction of walls and dams on Hampstead Heath. I am concerned about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disruption which will be caused during construction. My family and I visit the ponds every weekend and it gives us enormous happiness. This will be lost during the construction period.</li> <li>2. Permanent damage to the landscape, nature conservation and loss of trees as a result of the works. I believe this construction would ruin the character of the Heath.</li> <li>3. I do not believe the case for the changes has been adequately made. I do not believe the modelling results justifies the construction.</li> </ol> <p>There is no other place which gives my family and I such happiness. This will be seriously harmed by the works described in this proposal, and I strongly object.</p>
2014/4332/P	Dinah Livingstone	10 St Martins Close London NW1 0HR	30/07/2014 15:38:33	COMMNT	I strongly object to the planning application to build dams for Highgate Ponds. These have been clearly shown to be unnecessary to prevent flooding and will seriously damage the beauty of Hampstead Heath, altering its character forever.
2014/4332/P	Paul Bullock	25 Clifton Road London N8 8JA	30/07/2014 22:30:47	COMMNT	The plan fails to allow for the proper collection of water at the bottom of the series of existing barrages, where any flooding would actually have an impact. The whole upper part of the scheme is really a job creation exercise for someone, which ignores or doesn't want to deal with the moving of any (rare) overflows away from / so beneath / the residential zone at the bottom of the area. It is this main rain water drainage/overflow system that requires the (actually more difficult) transformation, and shows a failure in forward thinking and planning with the regional private water company and its local strategy.
2014/4332/P	Andrew Farquharson	31 Hampstead Lane N6 4RT	30/07/2014 16:58:11	OBJ	I completely reject the needless expense and destruction of the Heath being proposed to address a so-called risk scenario which on any measure is quantified within an entirely acceptable range. The law requires the Heath's natural beauty to be maintained and this purely commercially driven proposal must be rejected in its entirety.

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2014/4332/P	David Kelly	123 Drovers Way	30/07/2014 13:25:43	OBJ	<p>I am very opposed to this application.</p> <p>I cycle to the heath every morning and swim in the Men's Ponds before work.</p> <p>I love the heath for its naturalness, this scheme is excessive beyond any reasonable measure of maintaining the heath for the people of London.</p> <p>Like many other swimmers, I gain considerable health benefits from the exercise of both getting to the heath and swimming, but more importantly I gain a measure of nature in a big city.</p> <p>I work for RNIB in Camden and there are other parks but there is nothing to compare to the heath.</p> <p>It doesnt need to be corporatised into a park.</p> <p>Moreover, I challenge the application's Legality.</p> <p>The Reservoirs Act 1975 does legally not require works to be carried out on this excessive scale.</p> <p>The process of involvement by the engineers and consultants seems to me to contravene European Law on both State Aid and Competition. I shall raise the matter with the Commission if this application should be granted.</p> <p>After all the rain of the last year, this unrealistic modelling is not just patently wrong, it is utterly ridiculous.</p> <p>There is a grave risk of huge disfigurement of Heath landscape, these vast earthworks and excavations at Catchpit and Model Boating Pond.</p> <p>I am appalled at the prospect of concrete walls at Men's Bathing Pond and Highgate No.1 Pond.</p> <p>The Heath is a sacred place and this is a sacrilige.</p> <p>To lose over 160 trees is an act of vandalism.</p> <p>The proposed giant spillway is a slash across the face of north London.</p> <p>I can guarantee that the Closure and disruption with heavy engineering plant and thousands of HGV movements will cause huge protest if it is implemented.</p> <p>The way in which this application has been pushed through will only exacerbate the resentment felt by all the users of the Heath.</p> <p>The inevitable protests will require a huge amount of security and policing and the costs will soar. This dispute will rage throughout this, until commonsense prevails and some enhanced maintenance and increased vigilance resolves a problem that doesnt exits outside the dubious suggestions of construction companies wanting a fat contract.</p> <p>This year I watched the swans and they make a beautiful sight, but there are no cygnets. The heath in its vastness is still a small fragile eco system we mess with it at our peril.</p> <p>This is a dreadful application for the worst of reasons ... It is an abomination and I don't just object to it, I could curse it.</p>

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2014/4332/P	Dinah Livingstone	10 St Martins Close London NW1 0HR	30/07/2014 15:38:55	COMMNT	
2014/4332/P	Beatrice Hollyer	13 Downside Crescent NW32AN	30/07/2014 15:57:41	PETITNOBJ E	I strongly oppose the proposed building. As a local resident who uses the Heath daily I am opposed to the disruption to amenity and the damage to local flora and wildlife. The Heath is an environmental treasure and a refuge from urban blight including major building works with all the noise and disruption of that. The priority should be to preserve the Heath as a sanctuary of peace and quiet for the physical and mental health of its users.
2014/4332/P	Michael Joffe	41 Anson Road N7 0AR	30/07/2014 20:13:47	APP	I strongly oppose this unnecessary and damaging proposal.  Please do not grant planning permission for it.

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2014/4332/P	Geoff GOSS	93 Torriano Avenue NW5 2RX	30/07/2014 19:43:23	OBJ	<p>Dear Mr Markwell,</p> <p>We the Highgate Men's Pond Association (HMPA) write against the Hampstead Heath 'Ponds Project' proposal, recently lodged by the City of London (CoL) for planning consideration by LBC. Note that HMPA was set up specifically in response to concerns by 550 swimmers over the proposed dams.</p> <p>In our view the CoL has not justified its legal argument for proceeding with these plans. Neither has it properly considered alternative approaches or even sought another Panel Engineer's opinion, but has steam-rollered its scheme through dubious 'consultation' processes with stakeholder groups in the manner of an arrogant landlord who 'owns the Heath'. We believe that the plans are unnecessary as the pond dams on both the Highgate and Hampstead chains are not unsafe (unless you invent an absurdly remote risk as the CoL has done); the plans do not address the realistic threat of adjacent property flooding and, above all, that they would seriously disfigure the beauty and elegant proportions of our beloved Heath for future generations.</p> <p>We are supported in this view by other user groups from the Ladies Pond, the Mixed Pond, the United Swimmers, the anglers and several of the Heath-adjacent Residents Associations who have realised that the CoL's plans will not reduce their risk of flooding. (In the case of Brookfield Mansions the proposed Highgate No.1 Pond spillway may in fact increase the threat).</p> <p>We would make two appeals to you:</p> <p>First, that you bring to bear — in contrast to the hysterical premise of the CoL's plans — the pragmatic approach taken by LBC in conjunction with Thames Water after the storm and flooding of Dartmouth Park and Gospel Oak in 1975. The small storm-drain traps and two colossal ones (beside the lido and just on the Heath opposite Swains Lane) installed then and connected to the culverts of the E. and W. Fleet River branches/drains have so far kept these vulnerable areas flood-free since. It is astonishing that the CoL did not factor the 1975 storm into their model, preferring hypothetical rather than real extreme weather.</p> <p>Second, that you remind the CoL that they are privileged 'custodians' of the Heath, not its owners. Thanks to the Hampstead Heath Act of Parliament of 1871 it is us, we the people, who own the Heath. The CoL is not a body accountable to us by any democratic means, so you who are must please fight our corner. Stop this nonsense in its tracks or, if you cannot do that, delay your decision until the Judicial Review resolves the matter legally.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Geoff Goss. Chair, HMPA</p>

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2014/4332/P	Dennis McGinness	22 wells house well walk london nw31le	30/07/2014 18:26:45	COMMNT	please stop this lunatic plan the heath has been enjoyed by family and friends for over 40 years it has been a most enjoyable experience. These engineering works will destroy the landscape and the construction plant will worsen the natural drainage, if the ditches were cleared regularly then this would aid drainage.. Please keep this unique site untarnished for the regulars and the tourist as well as the fowl and all wildlife.
2014/4332/P	barbara twigg	2 chestnut av n8 8ny	30/07/2014 18:17:31	COMMNT	i strongly oppose the iceased damming of the ponds as this will detract from the natural appearance of the area
2014/4332/P	Prue Skene	19A Eccleston Street	30/07/2014 16:18:46	OBJ	I am a regular user of Hampstead Ladies Pond and am appalled at this application. It seems to be a hugely unnecessary amount of destruction for something that has not been proven to be in any way necessary. Furthermore the proposed works will destroy a great deal of natural beauty and cause substantial upheaval to a landscape of considerable importance. How can Camden even consider such unwarranted desecration? I am not a resident of Camden but my partner is.
2014/4332/P	Jose Nicolson	5a Cromartie Road Islington London N19 3SJ	30/07/2014 15:14:49	COMMNT	I want to object to this. Ad plan. There is no need for any of this work. Please preserve our beautiful ponds as they are and don't let this stupid plan go ahead
2014/4332/P	Graeme Galton	Flat 2 41 South Hill Park London NW3 2ST	30/07/2014 15:08:35	OBJ	<p>I live two or three minutes' walk from the Heath and use it every day.</p> <p>The guiding principle of any major reconstruction work on the Heath must surely be either to improve the amenity for users of the Heath or to do the minimum reconstruction necessary to comply with the law. Clearly, this proposal does not improve the amenity of the Heath for its users and far exceeds the scale and type of works necessary to comply with the law.</p> <p>The modelling used to justify reconstruction on such a huge scale is based on a 1 in 400,000 year probability, which far exceeds that which is reasonably necessary to ensure public safety.</p> <p>There is no doubt that the landscape of the Heath will be significantly transformed for the worse around the ponds affected.</p> <p>I strongly oppose these proposals. Further, I am not been convinced they are the minimum necessary to comply with the law.</p>
2014/4332/P	Gian Luca Raimondi	37 a Tottenham Lane	30/07/2014 22:16:55	COMMNT	I believe this work is not necessary , a simple reinforcement of the existing structure are sufficient. The ponds are an institution in North London and must be saved

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2014/4332/P	Esther Spaarwater	31A Boscastle Road NW5 1EE	30/07/2014 13:58:30	COMMNT	This is a please opposing the proposed dam works. Hampstead Heath is a unique example of the preservation of natural heritage in an enormous metropolis. It is special and has to be preserved, not just for us but also generations to come. And it is used not just by Londoners, but has become a significant tourist attraction. The proposed dam works just do not make sense: enormous, disfiguring works to be done based on modelling predicting a once in a 400,000 year event. Really? Predicting an event in which there are no emergency services and no early-warning system. Really? It just doesn't make sense. Furthermore, and perhaps just as worrying, how come the engineering firm that scoped out the "necessary works" will also be the firm that will get the job? It sounds practically fraudulent, and as it stands it seems that Atkins will be the only party benefiting from these dam works. Determining the needs for improving flood defenses should surely have been done by a truly independent dam specialist? These plans are thoroughly flawed, and will not be to the benefit of Heath users, home owners in the vicinity of the Heath or anyone else. Please stop the works from happening and refuse this planning application.
2014/4332/P	Anna Beraud	13 Gaisford st London Nw5 2EB	30/07/2014 22:57:07	COMMNT	Unbelievable. WHY do govt interfere with everything these days. It is proven total nonsense to have a 1 in 400,000 chance of flooding. People are hungry in this country, there are not enough schools for our children, rents are sky high etc etc and then you want to begin a mammoth project that will take away the little sanity we all have with enjoying the heath as it is. I have been swimming in these ponds since I was 8 yrs old and am now 60. Read your history and leave us alone.
2014/4332/P	Naomi Gryn	14 Seymour Buildings Seymour Place London W1H 4PP	30/07/2014 22:42:54	INT	Hampstead Heath Dams and Ponds Project Ref 2014/4332/P.  These ponds are perfect just the way they are. The risk of flooding is so remote and unlikely, this can only be a make-work scheme to justify an unnecessary spend which will, even in the long term, only reduce the pleasure that so many of us get from using the ponds as they now stand.  The City of London might be responsible for maintaining Hampstead Heath, but the Heath itself was gifted to the people of London and decisions about its future to lie with us.

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2014/4332/P	rebecca frankel	29 Wordsworth Walk NW11 6AU	30/07/2014 21:33:13	OBJ	<p>I strongly object to the planned works, please PROTECT THE HAMPSTEAD HEATH PONDS!!!!</p> <p>It is an area of great untouched natural beauty and you are setting a terrible precedent.</p> <p>The proposed works will cover 82.63 acres of the Heath. The areas are marked in red on the plan show that it is an extensive area. It is nonsense to say that you are protecting biodiversity. There is already biodiversity and you are messing it up!</p> <p>SOME OR ALL THE PONDS MAY HAVE TO BE DRAINED</p> <p>THE HEATH SWIMMERS ARE LIKELY TO LOSE THEIR PONDS FOR MORE THAN A YEAR</p> <p>HEAVY LORRIES WILL BE DRIVING ACROSS THE HEATH</p> <p>THE ROAR OF BUILDING WORK WILL ECHO FAR AND WIDE</p> <p>THE DISRUPTION MAY GO ON FOR YEAR</p> <p>Professor Richard Webber has criticised the assumptions behind the dam proposals</p> <p>I believe that there are vested interests driving the push for Heath dams. and that the City of London's chief dam adviser has a conflict of interest. Simon Jenkins: Chairman of the National Trust, has said that The apocalyptic tone of the Atkins report and the massive spending required seems out of proportion to any conceivable risk. This work must be stopped at all costs!</p>
2014/4332/P	Edmund Colville	1 Ennismore Gardens	30/07/2014 16:09:34	OBJ	I would like to object to this planning application. The loss of trees and wildlife habitat would be too great. The plans will result in very ugly structures greatly reducing the unnatural beauty of the public park. The disadvantages greatly outweigh the advantages.
2014/4332/P	Kevin Middlebrook	14A South Hill Park Gardens	30/07/2014 15:44:31	PETITNOBJ E	This is just about the most ridiculous waste of public funds I have ever seen. It will be hugely harmful to the Heath.
2014/4332/P	Caroline Lyons	6 Arundel Grove London N16 8LZ	30/07/2014 14:15:03	OBJ	One of the most lovely open spaces in London and a habitat for numerous wildlife species, Hampstead Heath should be protected and not messed with.
2014/4332/P	Patricia Till	102 Moray Road London N4 3LA	30/07/2014 14:00:03	OBJ	I strongly object to the proposed work on Hampstead Heath. I believe that it will disturb the natural environment on the Heath, lead to disruption and is not guaranteed to have any positive effect on the long term management of the ponds with regard to flooding.

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2014/4332/P	Claire Lee	5 Marlborough Yard London N19 4ND	31/07/2014 07:20:52	PETITNOBJ E	I object to these plans. I have concerns about the need for this work, the impact on the wildlife and habitat of the Heath ponds and the aesthetic of the dam work on an area of much-loved local natural beauty.
2014/4332/P	Roger Clarke	19a Ainsworth Way London NW8 0SR	30/07/2014 18:07:08	OBJ	I oppose these plans because the works would contravene the Hampstead Heath Act of 1871 which requires that Hampstead Heath be preserved in its "natural aspect and state". My children and I have been regular users of the ponds and to lose this access will have a very negative effect of our enjoyment of the Heath.
2014/4332/P	hanna heffner	7 tavitock terrace n19 4bz	30/07/2014 13:19:06	OBJ	OBJECTION
2014/4332/P	P. Slotkin	5 Carlingford Road Hampstead London NW3 1RY	30/07/2014 12:06:55	OBJ	<p>1. Legality: Reservoirs Act 1975 cannot possibly require works to be carried out on this vast scale.</p> <p>2. Unrealistic modelling: models for a giant storm with a 1-in-400,000-year probability; humans did not exist 400,000 years ago and may not in 400,000 years' time. Chances of being knocked down when crossing the road are greater by many orders of magnitude. Capacity of sewerage should be increased instead.</p> <p>3. Disfigurement of Heath landscape: new and unnatural large-scale earthworks and excavations at Catchpit and Model Boating Pond; concrete walls at Men's Bathing Pond and Highgate No.1 Pond.</p> <p>4. Tree loss: over 160 trees to be felled; large tree loss at Stock Pond to create giant spillway.</p> <p>5. Closure and disruption: 2 years of works requiring closure of popular parts of the Heath; closure of bathing ponds; heavy engineering plant and thousands of HGV movements; damage to wildlife.</p>



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2014/4332/P	Richard Steele	216 St John's Way N19 3RL	30/07/2014 13:06:10	OBJ	This is completely unnecessary, disruptive and damaging work that will ruin one of the most beautiful parts of London. There's a real sense of community around the ponds - especially for older people - and the extended construction work could change this forever.
2014/4332/P	Andy Terrington	41 Regina Road Finsbury Park London N4 3PT	31/07/2014 00:07:42	COMMNT	<p>The extent of the proposed works are clearly disproportionate to the probability of damage by extreme flooding and so should not be given planning permission.</p> <p>Furthermore the planned dams and concrete channel works will spoil the natural beauty of the heath and are therefore against the law.</p> <p>Given that the works are unnecessary and against the law one can only surmise that the proposal for such expensive works masks a hidden agenda on the part of the proposer. Perhaps they need a tax break or an environmental PR boost and with the millions of £'s the city of London has at its disposal I am sure that their proposed dams comes with glossy brochures and well fed meetings.</p> <p>The rag-tail opposition is unlikely to match the scientific gobbledygook or the wine of the city in promoting opposition so to look for fairness we have to rely on the councillors in Camden. Excuse me if I LOL. Councillors all over the country have failed to veto large scale projects such as supermarket's fast food chains and parking fees; all of which have destroyed local high streets and communities. Will Camden add destroying Hampstead Heath to this list. I hope not..</p>
2014/4332/P	Jose Nicolson	5a Cromartie Road Islington London N19 3SJ	30/07/2014 15:15:11	COMMNT	I want to object to this. Ad plan. There is no need for any of this work. Please preserve our beautiful ponds as they are and don't let this stupid plan go ahead